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## ONE VOTE PROGRAM AIMS TO UNITE PARTIES

*Campaign to make global  
health, extreme poverty  
into nonpartisan issues*

Halley Nani  
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Politicians, along with health-care and human rights advocates, met Wednesday to talk about the ONE Vote '08 campaign.

The event, at the Capitol City Club in downtown Columbia, had Former Republican Senate Majority Leader and certified physician Bill Frist as the keynote speaker.

Frist and Former Democratic Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle co-chair ONE Vote '08.

ONE Vote '08 is a campaign to make global health and extreme poverty priorities in the 2008 Presidential election, according to their Web site.

"It shows a oneness of mankind, a oneness of humanity," said Frist at the event, referring to the non-partisanship and global efforts of ONE Vote '08.

"The ultimate goal [for a presidential candidate], whether Republican or Democrat, is to have a clear vision on how to combat poverty when he or she is sworn in," Frist said.

ONE Vote '08 does not support any particular presidential candidate, but major contributors to the John McCain campaign were at the event.

Frist said he has a "moral imperative" to lead ONE Vote '08 against hunger, disease and other serious issues plaguing countries.

During his work and studies as a physician, Frist said he has seen an increasing amount of people die from HIV/AIDS. Currently, he has raised over \$15 billion to fight

VOTE ● A3



Heidi Gainey, 4th year visual communications major, takes a break from marching band practice in Williams-Brice Stadium.

## August Heat

*Students coped with record breaking temperatures  
by staying indoors, enjoying Congaree riverbank*

Brad Maxwell  
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Temperatures in the upper 100s left South Carolina residents looking for a breeze as the record-setting month of August came and went.

"When August hit, that's when it was intense," said Taryn Jaskunas, a second-year social work graduate student.

Jaskunas, who spent her summer in Charleston, said the rest of the summer was beautiful.

The highest temperatures in June and July were around 96 degrees. But August set itself apart by hitting all time highs of 107 degrees more than once in Columbia, according to the National Weather Service.

Leah Hambricht, a second-year social work graduate student, said living in South Carolina means getting used to the heat.

"Its not surprising to walk from your door to your car and be drenched in sweat," Hambricht said.

Rachel Perkins, a second-year social work graduate student, said after a day out in the heat she often feels drained.

"I get home and collapse with no energy," Perkins said.

Perkins, Hambricht and Jaskunas all said they tried to beat the heat this month by staying inside as much as possible.

"We try to do things after 5 p.m.," Jaskunas said. She said she tried to do indoors activities, like shopping during the day.

Many students have been feeling the heat in recent weeks and suffering the consequences of not staying cool.

"Four girls I know that rushed last week passed out because they were overheated," said Sidni Bohannon, a first-year biology student.

Lauren Vincent, public relations coordinator for Student Health Services, said the combination of high temperatures and high humidity can cause the body's heat defense system, sweating, to work slower than normal.

"When humidity is high, sweat doesn't evaporate efficiently, preventing the body from releasing heat quickly," Vincent said.

She reiterated what most students seem to be doing, which is staying indoors in an air-conditioned area to combat the heat.

Symptoms of heat illness include heavy sweating, muscle cramps, weakness, dizziness, nausea, weak but rapid pulse and headaches, Vincent said.

People with these symptoms should find shade, drink water slowly and make sure there is good ventilation.

Other heat precautions include not leaving anyone in a parked vehicle in hot weather, avoiding drinks with alcohol, caffeine, or a lot of sugar, planning strenuous activity for early morning or evening hours, wearing sunscreen of SPF 15 or higher and eating more frequently.

Vincent also said not to wait until you are thirsty to drink water.

"The best defense against heat-related illness is prevention. Staying cool, drinking plenty of fluids, wearing cool clothing and monitoring outdoor

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## McCain rallies voters

Local supporters, political notables gather to open presidential candidate's office

Abby Rouen  
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Presidential candidate John McCain's Columbia headquarters opened Thursday.

Local supporters as well as political notables banded together to rally votes for a man South Carolina's Attorney General Henry McMaster said is "uniquely qualified to lead the war on Iraq."

Several speakers, including Buzz Jacobs, the South Carolina State Director, introduced a video outlining McCain's campaign aims, including detailed accounts of his years as a Prisoner of War during the Vietnam War.

McCain, drawing from his experience as a prisoner of war in North Vietnam, plans to stay the course in Iraq until the war is finished.

According to the video, "the best of sermons are not those that are preached, but the ones that are lived," referring to McCain's experience as a POW.

The video also emphasized McCain's humility, strong Christian viewpoints and consistency of his political standpoints.

B.J. Boling, McCain's State Communications Director, said college-aged students will be a broad support base for the Republican candidate.

In order to ease the financial burden of increasing

education costs Boling said, "Senator McCain plans to lower taxes, subsequently giving the average American family more opportunity to save for college."

As a fiscal conservative, McCain plans on lowering taxes. This will create greater job opportunities through encouraging more spending, therefore increasing the need for manufacturers and blue-collar workers, said Boling.

Under McCain's plans for reform, college students can confidently look forward to entering a safer world with more opportunities for finding jobs in the field of their choice, Boling said.

MCCAIN ● A3



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State Co-Chairs Attorney General Henry McMaster and Adjutant General Stan Spears speaking at the opening of the John McCain headquarters.



# Islam brings different views to Columbia

*Muslim center offers students brotherhood, spiritual community*

Katie Jones  
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Timothy Garrett works in a cluttered office at the Islamic Center of Columbia.

He wears a long, white robe and a collar-length beard, but it does not hide his infectious smile.

The Islamic Center of Columbia is located off Gervais Street, and is the spiritual home to approximately 100 Muslims.

But during Ramadan, the month in which the Muslim community comes together to pray, fast and give alms to charity, Garrett estimates between 1000 and 3000 people attend prayers.

The center has been operating since 1981. It is also known as Masjid al-Muslimiin, which loosely translates from Arabic to “place of prayer for the Muslim brotherhood.”

But many Muslims find it difficult to practice their religion, especially since 2001.

“Being a Muslim living in this area was tough during a time period after 9/11,” said second-year political science student Ramie Shalabi. “Negative assumptions about Islam and Muslims were and are being made.”

But Shalabi said the negative assumptions do not discourage him.

“This just encourages me to be more open about being a Muslim so others can see that we are just normal human beings,” Shalabi said.

Garrett said he, too, has



Meg Gaillard / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Salwa El-Helwa reading the Koran on Wednesday afternoon at the Gervais St. mosque. The islamic Center of Columbia assists nearly 100 Muslims.

felt the sting of prejudice.

“I didn’t know what prejudice was until I became Muslim,” Garrett said. “You never felt like a second class until somebody is prejudiced against you.”

Others have had more positive experiences being Muslim in a predominantly Christian region.

“I don’t have any difficulty practicing my religion here,” Muslim Students Association Secretary Farheen Khan said. “I don’t

mind being in the minority because it allows me to learn about other religions while sharing my own.”

### Becoming a Muslim

Garrett was a Methodist until he was stationed in Saudi Arabia while he was in the Air Force.

“I was in the Khobar Towers incident, where they blew up the building and killed twelve military members,” Garrett said. “I wasn’t really a practicing Christian at the time.... A

lot of people have near death experiences and say ‘Maybe we’re not here to play, maybe we need to figure out why we’re here.’”

Garrett then became a devout Baptist and was later stationed in South Korea.

While in Korea, he said he “sat down with another Christian, to convert a Muslim” and found the Muslim had answers Garrett had been looking for.

“I said, ‘Wow, this Islam is the religion of Jesus, this

is what I’ve always wanted to be, so let me go ahead,” Garrett said. “I said ‘God, I surrender to you. I submit to you and I obey whatever you tell me.’ This is what the word ‘Islam’ means: to submit and obey God.”

Garrett said the most difficult part of converting from Christianity to Islam was “saying ‘wow, I was wrong,’” he said.

The center holds classes for Muslim children who attend public school. The

classes study Qur’anic Arabic, Hadith Studies, Islamic Manners & Behavior, Qur’anic Recitation and Islamic History.

The center also provides Islamic lectures, materials, study classes and counseling to the prisons in South Carolina. It also provides transitional living assistance to released Muslim ex-offenders.

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## Loose Lucy patrons boogie down at celebration



Sam Bennett / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Britt and Missy Johnson dance with the original owner of the Five Points store at the 15th Anniversary Bash.

## Crime Report

Saturday, August 28

### Petit Larceny, 7:30 p.m.

Strom Thurmond Wellness and Fitness Center, 1000 Blossom Street

Someone stole a South Carolina Driver’s license from an unattended wallet.

Estimated value: \$25.

Reporting officer: W. Guyon.

Sunday, August 29

### Petit Larceny, 7 p.m.

McClintock, 720 Bull Street

The victim reported that an unknown individual took their Carolina Card and one green Kershaw knife with a silver belt clip from their green book bag. The bag had been in McClintock as well as the Strom Thurmond Wellness and Fitness Center.

Estimated value for card: \$25 Estimated value for knife: \$100

Reporting officer: M. Aldrich.

### Malicious Injury to Personal Property, 4:30 p.m.

1423 Whaley Street

Between 7:30 p.m. Aug. 28 and 4:30 p.m. Aug. 29, an unknown subject broke the rear window on a 2001 red GMC Sierra and scratched the hood. The vehicle was not entered and nothing was removed.

Estimated damage: \$500

Reporting officer: W. Guyon.

### Petit Larceny, 3:30 p.m.

Bates House, 1423 Whaley’s Street

The victim reported that an unknown person stole their blue Outlook Mountain bike and the U-lock that was securing it. The victim said the theft occurred between June 23 and August 16.

Estimated value of bike: \$205. Estimated value of lock: \$30.

Reporting officer: K. Adams.

### Breaking and Entering a Vehicle, Petit Larceny, 11:40 a.m.

Blossom Street Garage, 1300 Blossom Street

Between 7 a.m. on Aug. 28 and 11:40 a.m. Aug. 29, an unknown person broke the rear passenger side vent window of a 2003 red Toyota Corolla. The subject took a white Microsoft Xbox 360. No prints were found.

Estimated value: \$400.

Reporting officer: A. Mitchell.

### Breaking and Entering of a Motor Vehicle, 12:30 p.m.

Blossom Street Garage, 1300 Blossom Street

The victim said between 9:30 p.m. on Aug. 28 and 12:30 p.m. on Aug. 29, an unknown subject had forcefully unzipped the rear, driver side window. The person also took \$6.

Estimated damage: \$500.

Reporting officers: L. Diaz and J. M. Harrelson.

Compiled by: Katie Jones



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the disease.

Frist said the money raised through One Vote '08 will make a huge impact for many.

"Spending millions of dollars will greatly impact the lives of more than 10 million people all over the world," he said.

Also in attendance was former South Carolina Governor Jim Hodges, who explained why ONE Vote '08 in South Carolina was so crucial.

Hodges said since South Carolina is one of the states

to host an early primary for the upcoming presidential election the state will have an advantage in reaching voters that can contribute to the ONE Vote '08 campaign.

"We have, in South Carolina, sometimes disagreed on issues," said Hodges, "but it is so great to find common ground for both major parties concerning the ONE campaign."

The ONE Vote '08 Web site said the group aims to bring an end to global hunger, stop global disease, improve clean water, promote health measures that result in

lower infant mortality rates all while avoiding partisan politics and conflict between Republicans and Democrats.

ONE Vote '08 wants to achieve these goals through private donation and inspiring the American public to vote for presidential candidates that support these objectives.

Those who wish to learn more about the ONE Vote '08 campaign can text "sc" to 62523 on their cell phones.

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activities are keys to staying healthy in hot weather," Vincent said.

Trey Neal, a first-year biology student, said that one good thing about campus is that there is lots of shade to stay under on the way to class.

"I always have a water

bottle with me," said Andrew Schmickley, a first-year international studies student.

Schmickley also said he's noticed a lot of students going down to the Congaree River on the weekends to stay cool.

John "Spud" McCullough, a first-year international business student, said he has

lived in the south all his life, but "this month has been pretty brutal."

Jaskunas said that the infamous South Carolina humidity doesn't help when trying to beat the heat.

"It's like you run into a wall," she said.

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**MCCAIN • Continued from A1**

In light of the recent tragedy at Virginia Tech, McCain feels that campus security is a legitimate concern facing all university students.

But Boling said that the most efficient way to ensure safety is to "attack the problem from a local level. Individuals sitting in Washington have no way of creating a specific plan for each university."

McCain is also a strong advocate of the Second Amendment and pushes to

protect gun manufacturers from lawsuits involving negligence of third parties. He does not believe in restricting the rights guaranteed to citizens by the amendment, according to his Web site.

Boling considers McCain's main appeal to be his position as a "straight shooter." "America is looking for a leader who can tackle tough problems with an honest, bold solution," Boling said.

The McCain campaign headquarters is looking for University of South Carolina students for

internship opportunities. They are looking for young adults from all majors who are interested in getting political experience.

McCain interns can expect to plan events, talk to voters, share the John McCain story with people and meet the Arizona Senator in person.

Students interested in the opportunity can contact Liza Rauch by calling (803) 771-4465.

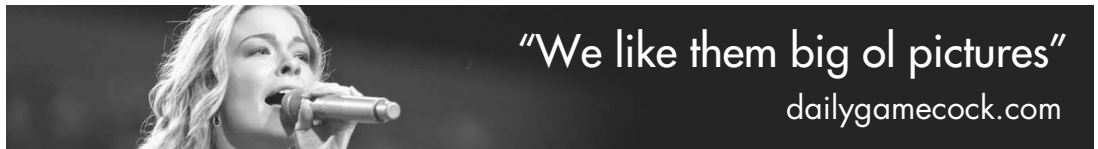
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## "We Are Carolina"



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Ol' Ball Coach Steve Spurrier teaches the crowd "We Are Carolina" at the pep rally in the Vista Thursday. The Gamecock season starts Saturday against Lou-LA.



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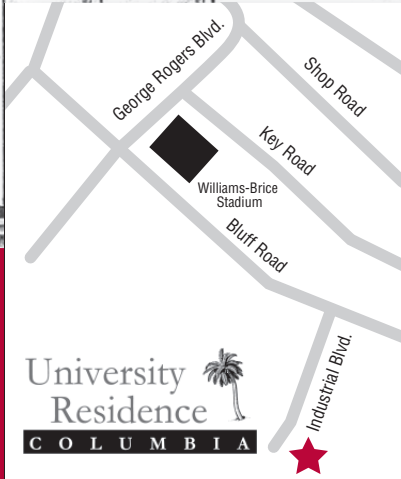
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IN OUR OPINION

Committee punishes states' childish actions

The first thing they teach you in kindergarten is how to wait in a line. According to the Republican National Committee, five states, including South Carolina, need to learn that lesson again.

In an attempt to fix a broken presidential primary system, the committee has taken delegates away from Florida, Michigan, Wyoming, New Hampshire and South Carolina for holding their primaries before Feb. 5, violating party rules.

More than half of the American voters had no say in nominating their parties' candidates.

With more than a year before the election, several states have scrambled up the primary line like Michael Vick fleeing from a linebacker. Because the primary races often shake themselves out in the first few weeks, New Hampshire, Iowa and South Carolina are the de facto kingmakers of presidential politics, despite representing a small portion of the nation's population.

Most primaries do not take place until Super Tuesday in March. In 2004, Florida, Illinois, Texas, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and North Carolina were among the states that did not cast ballots until after the primaries were decided on Super Tuesday, meaning that more than half of the American voters had no say in nominating their parties' candidates.

With the GOP penalizing states, candidates have to represent the interests of more of the population to be nominated. While this will not cure the nation's electoral problems, it is a start.

After the low voter turnout and controversy that have plagued every election since 1988, states should stop acting like children and get down to the business of electing a president.

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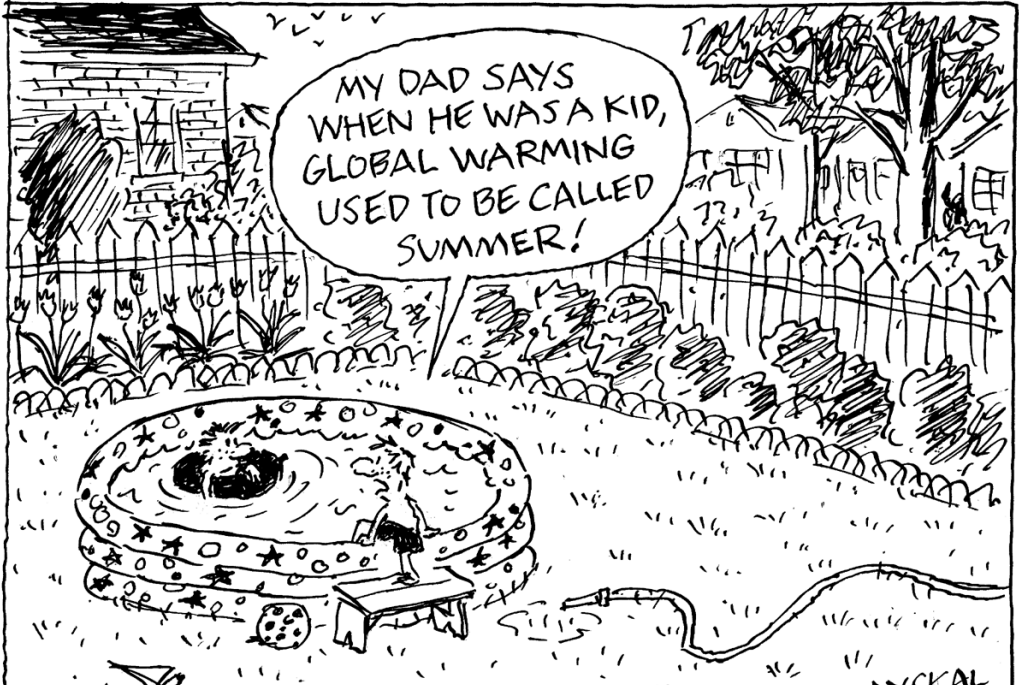
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DA SToudenMIRE CODE

Child service answer for generation

Our children need to be remembered for greater than indecent exposure

Historians often refer to our parents as the "greatest generation." They have a good argument, considering these are the people who landed on the moon, developed the computer and gave birth to the Scarlett Johansson.

Other people refer to our parents as the "nuclear generation." They also have a good argument, considering these are the people who gave us Chernobyl and "The Simpsons."

But there is one more notch on their generational resume which may be partially responsible for their extraordinary achievements: great numbers of them participated in some form of national service, be it with the Army, Navy or 1980 U.S. Olympic hockey team.

So mom and pop own two solid identities in history. This is better than anything we can claim, since we're often referred to simply as generations X. Once generation Z comes



CHASE SToudenMIRE  
Fourth-year history student

around, historians may remember us for the "Open Fly Revolution" or the "100 Years of Indecent Exposure." But I think we have an opportunity to change all of this. Our children could become more than just the greatest generation, more than just a nuclear generation — they could become the Greatest Nuclear Generation.

And thus begins my new-world-order proposal, a simple solution to complex problems. Coming from a member of Generation Open Pants, there is nothing modest about this proposal.

First, some background information. I spent this past summer working as a teen camp counselor, which is a lot like herding cattle. A friend of mine worked at a nuclear power plant, which explains the third ear that spontaneously developed on her kneecap.

One night we were discussing issues facing our nation: dependence on fossil fuels, increased competition in a global economy and the fact that most kids behave as if Satan is their favorite uncle. Then it dawned on me — we can inspire our children to achieve greatness by reintroducing compulsory national service by eliminating schools and forcing all children under the age of 12 to work in nuclear power plants.

We would eliminate the need for fossil fuels by creating cheap nuclear energy. Millions of former teachers would be free to use their talents elsewhere, giving us an edge in the global economy with increased intellectual capital. Discipline would be easy with a ready supply of bone-eroding acid.

We wouldn't even have to pay the kids. We could keep them happy with an endless supply of Coke and Pixy Stix.

Write your congressman, and tell him about the Greatest Nuclear Generation. And then zip up your fly.

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Charges don't reflect Cook's character

Hardworking individual deserves reconsideration, faith from fellow students

Gamecock sophomore safety Emanuel Cook was arrested last Friday for unlawful possession of a pistol and suspended by the university.

You get the feeling that it's not a matter of if, but when another USC football player will be getting into trouble.

In Cook's case, I believe this charge and the recent happenings aren't indicative of his character.

I went to high school with Emanuel and played on the same football team he did for a year before transferring before his senior season.

Cook was surrounded by personalities at Palm Beach Gardens High School that could be called questionable and shady. During his captivating senior season, in which he lead the school to a 6A state championship and rushed for over 2000 yards, he staked his claim as one of the best players ever to come out of Palm Beach County (which has produced Fred Taylor, Devin Hester and Anquan Boldin, among others).

He was lauded and praised for bringing a ring home to a coastal Florida school almost single-



MIKE WUNDERLICH  
First-year journalism student

handedly.

For some athletes, such circumstances would create nothing but ego problems, and the classic big-headed-jock syndrome would emerge, but not for Cook.

Cook was always one of the most hardworking and soft-spoken guys on the football team, always opting to let his intimidating and punishing playing style speak for him — up until his senior year, when he was counted on to become more of a vocal leader.

With such expectations weighing on him, Cook seized control of a young team considered to be above average, but not championship worthy, and carried them through the entire season, his face becoming synonymous with the school whenever mentioned.

Never once, in any of his various interviews by newspapers or local television stations, did Cook flaunt a cocky, arrogant, gun-toting mentality.

I remember, during the high school playoffs, watching a post-game interview with Cook

walking off the field, battered and tired but happy, having just run over another team favored to vanquish his own, and giving the credit not to himself but to his offensive line and coaching staff.

Watching Cook work in the weight room, with such silent intensity, such focus, and with the slogan of "hard work" being adopted, I cannot help but believe that the Cook that was arrested on weapons charges was just in the wrong place at the wrong time, as someone with his demeanor and personality would be above such things as weapons and know the responsibility he carries as a student athlete at a Division I university.

After reading a report on ESPN, it seems to be clearer that, indeed, Cook was just a victim of being guilty by association in this case, but that's not for sure just yet.

No matter what the outcome, I'll vouch for Cook's character, having seen him in high school deflect all the attention he was given with humility and gratitude. I hope that he emerges from this fiasco an innocent man, able to play football for the Gamecocks and, more importantly, resume normal life very soon.

FairTax not quite so fair, lacks clarity in language

Bestseller, authors deceive readers with misleading claims, confusing wording

This summer I read "The FairTax Book" to see what all the hype was about. Having read it, I'm not sure what it championed more — a revamp of the federal

taxation system or the First Amendment.

Even if it wasn't the main objective, authors Neal Boortz and John Linder make no waste of their right to free speech (or, as they apparently

interpret it, the right to be a knucklehead). I plan to use this space to discuss the FairTax over the next five weeks. Specifically, I'll discuss its inadequacies, as there are many — way too many for one column.

Most of what I have to say revolves around "The FairTax Book," as it is the primary source of information for most. It was, after all, a New York Times bestseller, and is referenced at FairTax.org — but I'll be sure to hit FairTax.org, too.

Let's start at the beginning. The basic explanation of the FairTax is to replace all current federal forms of taxation with a 23 percent sales tax on new goods and services. This is a simplified version for an ideal world — wait, this is basically the actual proposal.

There is some contention about the actual percentage of the tax. While FairTax advocates argue that it is an inclusive 23 percent tax, many others argue it is actually a 30 percent tax. While what FairTax advocates say is true, it is also deceptive.

Say, for example, you buy a \$100 new textbook. Only \$76 would be for the book, and the other \$23 would be collected by the store for the tax. So it's a 23 percent tax, clearly. Well, not really.

Most Americans (and by most I mean 99.9 percent) use the term "sales tax" to refer to a tax added on to the cost of the good. If you went to a store, picked up an item marked \$100, and paid \$110 for it, what would you think the sales tax was? Most people would say 10 percent, not 9 percent.

On the surface, it's purely an issue of semantics. But then why does "The FairTax Book" use the term "sales tax," even on the back of the cover? If this plan is really as great as it seems, why use confusing language?

It's particularly funny since Boortz's cynical government bashing covers this exact topic.

In his completely fair and unbiased chapter documenting the history of our current tax system, Boortz attempts to use some humor by referencing the Bank Secrecy Act, which allows the government to look into citizen's bank accounts under certain conditions.

It all comes down to trust: if you can't trust FairTax advocates not to use semantics and arrogance to advance their goals, why should you take their advice on tax policy?



JOSH RABON  
Fourth-year accounting student



# Culinary advice for busy, broke students

## Book Review

*‘Families on the Go’ dishes out recipes for quick, easy meals for cooks of any skill level*

**“Six Ingredients or Less: Families on the Go”**  
by Carlean Johnson  
★★★★ out of ☆☆☆☆☆

Jack Rozier  
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

For many college students it is difficult to imagine a world beyond the world of cafeteria and/or fast food. However, there are many culinary possibilities that stem from the local grocer and Carlean Johnson’s “Six Ingredients or Less: Families on the Go.”

This cookbook is the perfect gift for any college student, but especially for those newcomers to the off-campus nomad lifestyle. Though it may be convenient to eat fast food everyday, it is extremely unhealthy and expensive. However, step into the local grocery store with this book as a guide, and bargains abound.

One big deterrent of buying groceries and cooking is that generally groceries are not bought

by single serving. Unfortunately, it is a rare occasion for the college student to cook for multiple people. “Families on the Go” accommodates all serving specifications. This cookbook explains how to divide a recipe to suit the serving size and also shows how to chill and reheat food so that it keeps as much flavor and quality as possible.

“Families on the Go” is an introduction to the basic pillars of the culinary arts. The vast majority of recipes are simple enough that success is more or less certain but also basic enough that the recipe can be expanded upon. This unique characteristic enables a wide range of skill levels to find feelings of accomplishment, creativity



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**“Six Ingredients or Less” provides tips and recipes for any person without a lot of time to spend in the kitchen.**

and, more importantly, enjoyment from cooking.

By presenting a variety of snacks, baked goods, desserts, appetizers, entrees and more, “Families on the

Go” caters to all palates. Recipe sophistication ranges from Fudgesicles to panko chicken dijon with brie salad, lemon broccoli and sautéed mushrooms.

Since every recipe is geared towards families on the go, an entire meal or just a lime spritzer can be ready in a matter of minutes.

Aside from the actual

recipes, there are sections devoted to basic cooking terminology, measurement conversions and temperature

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## Restaurant Review

**The Palmetto Pig BBQ**  
★★★ out of ☆☆☆☆☆

Mark Killian  
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

For those of you who are under the impression that Maurice’s BBQ is the best place to fulfill your non-kosher dining desires, you have been misled. If you avoid the aggressive billboard advertisements leading you to Maurice’s and take a detour to a little one-story building nestled discretely between an abandoned warehouse and the Todd & Moore sporting goods store, you will find the Palmetto Pig.

What sets the Palmetto Pig apart from its publicized competitor is the “All You Can Eat” dining style. The buffet includes everything you would expect to see in a low country barbeque canteen, including pulled pork barbeque, corn beef hash, white rice, fried chicken, baked beans, green beans, hush puppies, coleslaw, potato salad, white

bread and pickles.

Unfortunately, the vegetables’ flavor is a clear indication that they were not picked fresh from the farm.

Although satisfying, the fried chicken is nothing out of the norm. The breading bears a striking resemblance to that of Kentucky Fried Chicken’s both in flavor and taste, but what properly cooked fried chicken does not?

The most astounding thing about the Palmetto Pig is in its name: the pig. The barbeque is worth every penny whether you remember to bring your student ID and get the student discount or not. For those of you from a family tree contaminated with cholesterol problems, you may want to avoid “the other white meat” on this one. From the first bite it is readily apparent that the pig must have been rubbed down with salt before being thrown on the fire. If your



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**The Palmetto Pig serves as a delicious alternative to Maurice’s.**

palate prefers a dry, sodium packed plate of pork, you need not venture towards the sauces. The barbeque will taste perfect as it is.

If you feel the pulled pork needs a little something

extra, you are more than welcome to add hot, mustard or traditional sauce to the dish. The hot sauce is similar to Tabasco and completely capable of adding some spice, while cutting the slightly

overpowering saltiness. The mustard sauce will serve as a comfort for those diners who cannot get enough.

The undisputed champion of the battle of the condiments is the

traditional sauce. With a sweetened ketchup base, the traditional sauce reinforces the assertion that opposites attract. Similar to coffee and dessert, the contrasting flavors of the salt-smothered barbeque and the slightly sugared traditional sauce manage to stimulate each taste bud on your tongue.

Where the Palmetto Pig falls short is in the dessert department. Unlike many country buffets, dessert is not included with your meal. For an additional dollar you can indulge in some prototypical banana pudding, but why not save some money and load up another plate of barbeque? They also offer brownie-sized pieces of carrot and red velvet cake that might as well have come straight from a box of Little Debbie snack cakes.

Palmetto Pig is lacking in hours of operation, only open during the hours of 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday and 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday and Friday.

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# Columbia to showcase hip-hop talent

**USC student and performer Charles Swab will compete in this year’s Battle of the MC’s final**

Christine Scarpelli  
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Lets get ready to rumble! This weekend the best hip-hop talent will be gathering in the capital city for the finale of the largest freestyle battle in South Carolina. Competing along with the top performers in the state is Charles Swab, a USC student.

Swab, born Gerald Collison, is a fourth year media arts major and an aspiring audio engineer and performer. Originally from Charleston, Swab got his stage name from his hometown and nickname Q-Tip.

“Charles because of where I’m from, and Swab because all of my friends call me Q-tip, or Tip for short, and

you ‘swab’ out your ears with a Q-tip—I always got something new for they ears.” He said.

Having been a hip-hop fan all of his life, Swab began rapping about eight years ago and understands what it means to start at the bottom. “You start off small, just rhyming with your friends at parties, and then you get to know people with studio access, and it grows from there,” says Swab.

He enjoys both performing on stage for an audience and producing beats for other artists behind the scenes. Having been producing for five years now, Swab says that coming up with the concepts of songs can be just as rewarding as performing.

Calling his work

“storytelling lyricism,” Charles has been influenced by other artists including Nas, Common, Mos Def and Wu-Tang Clan. Although he aspires to breakout into the mainstream hip-hop scene, he uses his guitar skills and experience-driven lyrics to keep his sound very unique.

“The NASDAQ Files” is Swab’s first LP and should be out by the end of month. There are 13 tracks, with guest appearances by local hip-hop artists Mr. Presidential, E-Money Bags, Roamel, Believe and British producer Arkreatek.

The Battle of the MC’s is held yearly and is open to all South Carolina MC’s. This year the state semifinals were held in Columbia, Spartanburg, Greenville and

Charleston.

Each city’s winner will return to Columbia for the finals, to be held this Saturday at the New Brookland Tavern. Doors open at 9:30 p.m. However, there will be other hip-hop performers before the battle begins. These artists include Fat Rat, Da Czar and Taze One.

Prizes include \$1,000 cash, free concert recording, studio time, promotions, free production and CD duplication and design. Performers are judged by audience applause so the artist with the most support from the crowd will win the competition.

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recommendations. Other special extras include featured recipes such as sun tea and two pages on roasting a turkey (success guaranteed).

The book itself is easily

navigated by the novice or the kitchen dabbler. True to the title, no recipe requires more than six ingredients, but also the vast majority of the recipe directions are a paragraph or less in length. The aim of this cookbook is to simplify the entire cooking

process, and it truly allows people of all skill levels to create something they can be proud of and enjoy.

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FRIDAY FOOTBALL  
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*Freshman running back brings  
talk of championships,  
Heisman trophy to locker room*

Ty Ziegler  
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Brian Maddox has the attitude of a champion. The true freshman running back from Anderson arrived on campus this fall as a crucial piece to the highest rated recruiting class in school history.

Maddox attended T. L. Hanna High School and left as a decorated prep school star. He was named first team all-state by the Associated Press and The State Newspaper. He also participated in the Shrine Bowl and Offense-Defense All-American Bowl.

Upon arriving in Columbia, most freshmen are humbled by no longer being the star player on the team, and sometimes fall out of the spotlight early in their career.

Not Maddox. After a month of hard work, learning a new offense and adjusting to college life, Brian has skyrocketed up the depth chart. He is now the backup to Carolina's starting duo of Cory Boyd and Mike Davis.

In the hypercompetitive world of SEC football, that type of rise is phenomenal for a true freshman. With injuries to the other backup running backs, Bobby Wallace and Taylor Rank, Maddox will certainly see action early in his collegiate career.

It is Maddox's determination to be a champion, which is fueling his great performances. His championship attitude makes him a perfect fit for Steve Spurrier's football team.

In college football, teams that consistently win recruiting battles tend to consistently win games. Earlier this year, USC brought in a top-10 ranked recruiting class. One of the key early recruits for that class was Brian Maddox, who was the third prospect to commit.

"The fans are really into it down here," Maddox said of making his decision to commit to USC. "It's close to home, the coaching staff is good, the strength and conditioning program is great, so it just made me want to come here."

Being the third commitment to a program that had more than thirty players in its recruiting class left Maddox with an important responsibility.

As other players would begin to consider choosing Carolina as their school, Maddox contacted those players about becoming a Gamecock.

"I did a lot of recruiting. Me and my dad helped coach (Fred) Chatham out a lot. He asked me and my father to go out and call these people (recruits), and just show them a good time when they came down here to games last year. And most of them came," Maddox said of his conversations with other members of the incoming freshmen class.

One of Steve Spurrier's biggest selling points to recruits this year was that he was trying to lead USC to its first SEC Championship. That is a goal that Maddox clearly shares with his coach.

"Just win a championship. I never won a championship in high school, so I would like to on the college level," Maddox says.

Brian Maddox had stellar statistics from high school. In three years in prep school, he rushed for over 4,000 yards and scored 50 touchdowns. But Maddox knows that when the season starts this Saturday he will be starting with a clean slate.

Maddox has had to adjust to Division-I football in a short amount of time.

"Blocking is the biggest adjustment for me. It's just harder because you have to take on bigger guys", Maddox says. He has also found the speed of the game to be much more intense than ever before.

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# Questions with Jake Broom

## 1. Why are you here? Didn't you graduate?

Yes, I did graduate. The plan was for me to work for a year and then come back to graduate school. The problem is that each day you live not having to step inside Gambrell Hall, it becomes harder and harder to imagine going back into

that soulless, windowless dungeon ever again. I started to picture myself putting off grad school like Clemson fans put off



JAKE BROOM  
Graduate public administration student

dentist appointments. At that point I decided it was best to just go straight back before I talked myself out of it.

Also, as a general rule, as long as Steve Spurrier is here I will do whatever it takes to keep getting student tickets. Every time he signs a contract extension, I am forced to get another degree. I hope to start working on my master's in women's studies in the fall of 2012.

## 2. How will the offense be without Blake Mitchell?

Blake Mitchell is the most unappreciated starting quarterback in the SEC. For some reason people just don't realize how solid

he is. Over the last four games of last season he was the best quarterback in the conference. Normally his suspension would be a big deal, but against the Ragin' Cajuns of Louisiana-Lafayette, it shouldn't stop the Gamecocks from winning. It won't be the same without his giant monkey bar facemask on the field, though.

## 3. Who will step up to replace Sidney Rice?

There are tons of guys who could potentially step up to fill the void left by Rice's departure. Kenny McKinley is good enough to be a No. 1 receiver on an SEC team. Newcomers like

Mark Barnes, Jason Barnes, Chris Culliver and Matt Clements have a chance to step up, too. And everybody seems to be forgetting about sophomores Moe Brown and Freddie Brown.

Step back from the ledge, it is going to be all right. Remember a few years ago when everybody was running around saying "Oh my God! Who is going to replace Troy Williamson?" How did that work out?

## 4. What is the deal with the new chant Spurrier is pushing?

For some reason Spurrier has really been pushing this "We are...Carolina" chant this summer. I have no idea

why. It is pretty clear that we are trying to steal this from Penn State, which does the "We are...Penn State" chant before every game.

Why can't USC ever just leave things how they are? Didn't anybody in the athletic department learn this last year when they tried to play "Carolina Girls" between the third and fourth quarters and people started throwing themselves off the upper deck?

With that being said, if Steve Spurrier wanted me to chant, "Jake Broom...is an idiot" before every game, I'd be on the field with a microphone leading things off.

## 5. Did anyone have a weekend worse than Emanuel Cook?

Now, I'm not advocating hanging out with people who own guns - but Emanuel Cook had some pretty terrible luck this weekend.

First, he gets arrested because he was allegedly hanging out with a guy who allegedly had a gun and allegedly was showing it to Cook. (What? I'm not trying to get sued here.) Then, a day or so later, some doctor had to cut him open and physically remove his appendix.

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# Noles, Tigers prep for holiday contest

## Early non-conference matchups highlight opening weekend

Chris Cox  
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

With the college football season set to officially kick-off tomorrow afternoon, it's time to take a look at this weekend's premiere matchups and players to watch

### TOP 10 GAMES

**#10) University of Central Florida at North Carolina State (6:00 PM)**

New N.C. State head coach Tom O'Brien looks to turn things around in Raleigh as he starts off the Wolfpack's season against a formidable opponent in Central Florida.

The Conference-USA team may not be a powerhouse, but they definitely possess the talent that may be able to hang around with a middle-tier ACC team still learning a new system.

Look for Central Florida to hang around early, but O'Brien will pull away in the second half, clinching his first victory for State.

**Score: N.C. State 24 Central Florida 13**

**#9) Washington State at #7 Wisconsin (3:30 PM ABC)**

Wisconsin will seek to match the impressive 12-1 record they posted in 2006 under then-first-year head coach Bret Bielema.

While several preseason publications are predicting the Michigan Wolverines to capture the Big-10, the Badgers will look to make a statement early on in the season that once again they are the real deal. The smallest chance the Cougars have in this game is the fact that Wisconsin will be with a new starting quarterback, Tyler Donovan.

However, don't look for that to matter too much as the Badgers will dominate this one from the start.

**Score: Wisconsin 45 Washington State 10**

**#8) Houston at Oregon (3:30 PM)**

While neither team finds itself ranked in the preseason Top-25, this matchup still has some interesting draws to it. The Oregon Ducks have been a regular challenge for teams in the Pac-10, as they tend to always find themselves competing in the post-season.

Meanwhile, the Houston

Cougars, despite not having star quarterback Kevin Kolb at their disposal, still believe they can post a record similar to their 10-4 season a year ago. Expect a tough, rugged match-up where Oregon eventually is able to grind out a win.

**Score: Oregon 27 Houston 20**

**#7) Kansas State at #18 Auburn (7:45 PM ESPN)**

Second-year head coach Ron Prince brings his Wildcat team looking for the upset. Prince stunned critics across the country last year with his surprising run towards the end of the year as his Kansas State team defeated then #4 Texas before falling to Rutgers in their bowl game.

Meanwhile, SEC West power Auburn looks to start off on a good note as their first two games are against formidable opponents in Kansas State and South Florida.

Quarterback Brandon Cox returns, however, his offensive line doesn't as the Tigers look to break in a brand-new unit. Anticipate Auburn's athletes keeping them in this contest, but don't be surprised if Kansas State pulls off the upset due to Auburn's inexperienced line.

**Score: Kansas State 17 Auburn 13**

**#6) Wake Forest at Boston College (3:30 PM ABC)**

Defending ACC-Champion Wake Forest rolls into Massachusetts looking to prove to the country that their Cinderella season in 2006 was no fluke. Boston College will be fired up for this game, with new leadership at the helm and an experienced returning quarterback in Matt Ryan-possibly the class of the ACC.

This game is an extremely tough game to call, because both teams look to be so evenly matched. However, Wake Forest returns plenty of its talent from a year ago and, possibly the biggest difference between the two teams, their head coach. That is the difference-maker in this game

**Score: Wake Forest 23 Boston College 20**

**#5) Georgia Tech at Notre Dame (3:30 PM NBC)**



Phil Coale / The Associated Press

**Florida State quarterback Drew Weatherford will try to win the ACC opener against Clemson on Labor Day.**

While I'm not going to go on a spill about how amazing Notre Dame is in every facet of the game, I will say that I am extremely excited about this game only due to the fact that I'd like to see who starts for both teams, respectively.

Tech lost Quinn. Tech lost Calvin Johnson, and Notre Dame lost Jeff Samardzija. So who's going to start? Will this be another defensive battle like last year's 14-10 decision was in which the Irish squeezed out the victory?

**Score: Georgia Tech 13 Notre Dame 10**

**#4) East Carolina at #9 Virginia Tech (12:00 PM ESPN)**

There's no getting around it. This game won't be close. At all. Period. Utter domination by the Hokies. Especially considering the fact that the Pirates will be without starting quarterback Rob Kass due to driving while impaired charges this week. So why do I have it listed so highly?

I can't wait to see how the Hokie players, fans and student body react when their football team takes the field for the first time since the horrific tragedy of Tech faced back in the spring. Emotions will be running high as Virginia Tech dominates this one from the opening kickoff as they look to compete for this year's ACC title.

**Score: Virginia Tech 48 East Carolina 7**

**#3) Oklahoma State at**

**#13 Georgia (6:45 PM ESPN2)**

While Georgia returns starting quarterback Matthew Stafford, Mohamed Massaquoi, Kregg Lumpkin and Thomas Brown, they must completely rebuild their offensive line.

They also lose bookends Charles Johnson and Quentin Moses. On the other side of the field stands Oklahoma State, who looks to be one of the more talented teams coming out of the Big 12 this season. If Oklahoma State pulls off the upset like I think they will, look for the Gamecocks to more than likely reap the same success the following week.

**Score: Oklahoma State 31 Georgia 23**

**#2) #19 FSU at Clemson (8:00 PM Monday, ESPN)**

Despite the fact that Clemson has won 3 out of the last 4 meetings against Florida State, the Seminoles head into Tiger Town with the edge in the spread.

Despite having one of the better running back duos in college football in James Davis and C.J. Spiller, the Tigers are still looking for that great quarterback for the second straight year in the post-Charlie Whitehurst era. Tommy Bowden couldn't find the answer last year, and I don't believe he'll find it this year. The Tiger's will counter Drew Weatherford with Cullen Harper. Cullen Harper? What is a Cullen Harper? A really nice fishing rod? Look for the

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While a new lifestyle at a large university and the abrupt transition to college football has been tough on the true freshman, Maddox has been able to look to the leadership of some experienced players.

The two running backs currently sitting ahead of Maddox on the depth chart are also taking a leadership role with him.

"I'm glad to have Cory (Boyd) and Mike (Davis) in front of me. They can teach me some things that I don't already know as far as blocking wise and college life in general."

Maddox, however, is doing what he can to compete with Boyd and Davis for their spot on the depth chart. "But I'm still working towards that goal of overcoming one of them, trying to get the second spot and trying to work hard for it."

Maddox is also forming a positive relationship with his position coach Robert Gillespie and tight ends coach Fred Chatham. Not only does Gillespie teach him how to be an effective running back, but he and Chatham are also helping Maddox settle into his role as a student athlete.

"Me and Coach Gillespie and Coach Chatham are real close. I've known Coach Chatham ever since he was at Duke. That's why they offered me to come here," Maddox said.

With coaches having never seen him before fall practice, Maddox was buried on the depth chart.

Determined to see early playing time and avoid a redshirt, he learned the offense as quickly as possible and worked hard in practice every day.

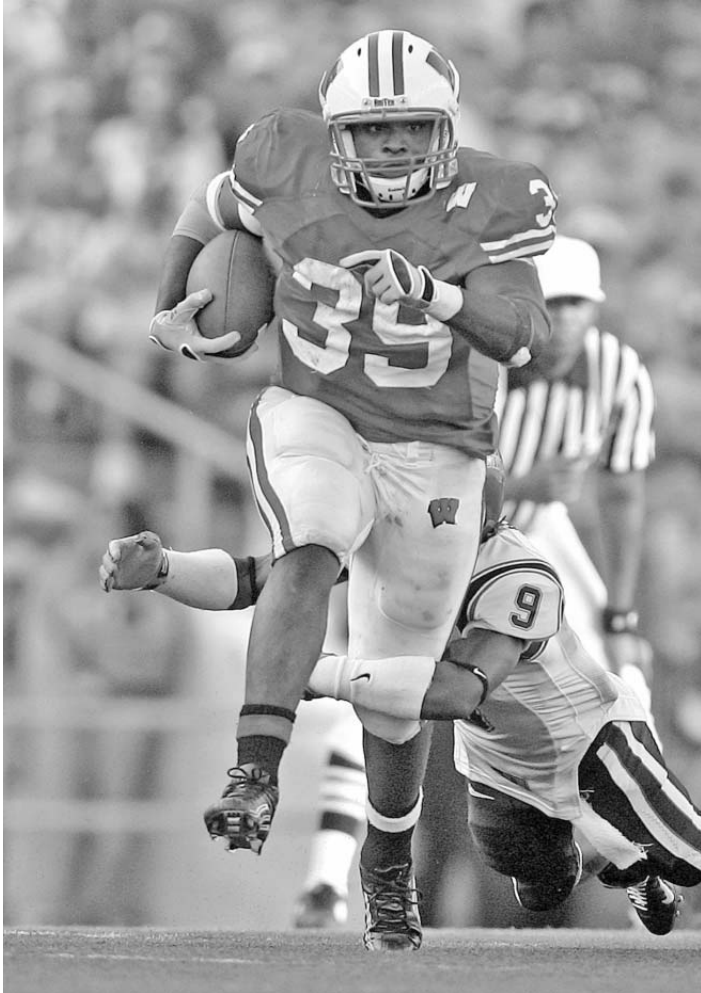
"I thought all along that I could fight it out and win a position," Maddox said.

Strong play in practice and recent injuries to backups Bobby Wallace and Taylor Rank have helped Maddox move up to third on the depth chart; guaranteeing that he will not be redshirted. Coach Steve Spurrier has recently made comments about Maddox's ability to play as a freshman.

"We're going to play Brian Maddox," Spurrier said. "We feel like he's ready to play. Brian's our third back right now and he could be our second back or our first back as we go through the season."

Not only does Maddox feel that he is prepared for big-time college football, but he also feels South Carolina is ready to compete for conference championships.

"We're just trying to compete for the SEC title and win the east," Maddox



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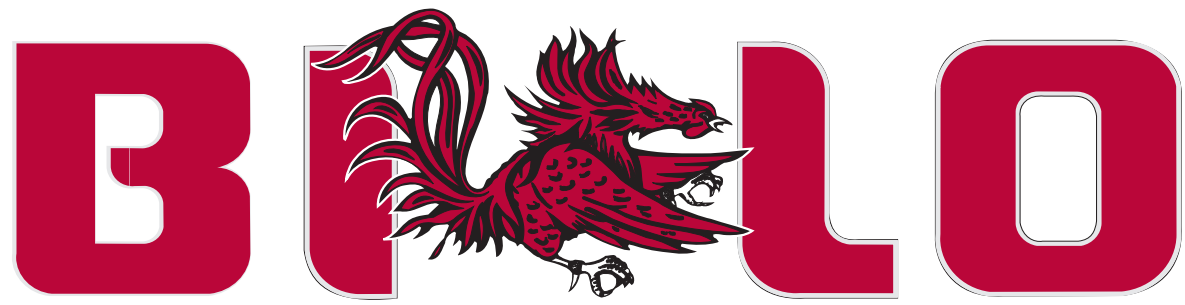
**Wisconsin running back PJ Daniels is a darkhorse for the Heisman and key to the Badgers shot at a Big 10 title.**

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# HEAD 2 HEAD



*The Daily Gamecock  
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matchups on both sides*



## USC Offense vs. ULL Defense:

Cory Boyd

Michael Hardeway



VS.

Boyd is a physical player who will truck a defender. But with tight end Jared Cook's lack of experience blocking, Boyd could factor into pass protection against Hardeway, who is a sack machine and All-Sun Belt candidate for the Ragin' Cajuns.

## USC Defense vs. ULL Offense:

Tyrell Fenroy

Jasper Brinkley



VS.

Fenroy is the first player in Lafayette history to post two 1,000-yard rushing seasons. Though undersized at 5-9, his 186lb frame allows him to lower his head and push through tacklers. Brinkley will be forced to keep an eye on this guy, as he is the Ragin' Cajuns' best offensive weapon.

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# Three players to watch

*Sports Editor Alex Riley tells you who you should keep an eye on in Saturday's season opener*

## USC Chris Smelley, quarterback #7

With so much hype prior to his arrival, Smelley will get his first chance to show if he can be a successful quarterback in Steve Spurrier's system. If he can perform well, the redshirt freshman might be a contender to take the offensive reins sooner, rather than later.

## Kenny McKinley, wide receiver #11

With a bevy of freshman receivers, McKinley is the veteran who must make the

plays and lead by example. With over 800 yards last year, the junior is out to prove he is the best pass-catching option for USC.

## Eric Norwood, defensive end #40

After a freshman season littered with accolades, the tests for the sophomore start early. Though running back Tyrell Fenroy is the biggest concern, quarterback Michael Desormeaux presents a threat much like Syvelle Newton last year. Containing the multi-talented athlete will be a tough assignment.

## Louisiana-Lafayette Tyrell Fenroy, running back #32

Aiming for his third season with over 1,000 yards, Fenroy is a threat to run and catch. Though he is only 5-9, he has some size and is hard to bring down with sheer strength. The linebackers will be keeping an eye on his whereabouts all game.

## Michael Desormeaux, quarterback #6

The true Cajun athlete, Desormeaux is calling the signals for the first time in his collegiate career. Over the past seasons he's been

an All-Sun Belt selection at wide receiver, defensive back and as a member of the special teams. His mere six pass attempts last season give little insight into what he can do under center.

## Brenton Burkhalter, linebacker #43

Burkhalter is Lafayette's version of Jasper Brinkley—a guy with a nose for the ball who is always in on the play. The junior is quick on his feet and led the team in tackles with 61, despite sustaining a hamstring injury that sidelined him for a game last fall.

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said when talking about Carolina's goals for the season.

Maddox will get an opportunity to prove himself worthy of carries surprisingly early in his career. He will almost certainly get touches in the season opener against Louisiana-Lafayette.

If he comes out of the gates strong, he may see his playing time increase as the season goes on. For Maddox, this is welcome news.

"I was overwhelmed. This is what I have been waiting for all my life," Maddox said.

Look for Maddox's championship attitude to show in his playing style. For him, getting more carries, earning more playing time and working hard is all part of the path to achieving his goals.

"This year, I want to accomplish enough to be the

SEC Freshman of the Year," Maddox said of his goals for the 2007 season. "Long term, I would like to win the Heisman trophy and other accolades. And just win a championship."

Clearly, Maddox has bought into Spurrier's thinking about winning championships at Carolina. For a football program that has long been mired in mediocrity, players like him have the talent, commitment and desire to establish USC as a dominant program in college football.

Maddox will continue to carry his championship attitude with him to the field everyday.

"Expect me to come out and play hard every play, practice hard every day and contribute to the team when they need me," he says.

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defense of Florida State to stack the box to stop the talented running duo to force Harper or freshman Willy Korn into passing downs. I still don't believe Clemson has found the answer in the coaching department, and I look for that to be the case again this year as State's new coaching hires and their returning talent will give them the edge in the next chapter of the Bowden Bowl.

**Score: Florida State 27  
Clemson 10**

**#1) #15 Tennessee at  
#12 California (8:00 PM  
ABC)**

After being dismantled 35-18 in both teams' season opener last season, the Golden Bears are looking for revenge this season. California features

one of the nation's premier passing combinations in receiver DeSean Jackson and quarterback Nate Longshore.

Meanwhile, starting Tennessee quarterback Erik Ainge has suffered an injury to the pinky on his throwing hand, and will miss the rest of practice this week and will not throw again until this Saturday's game. Despite Ainge's injury and playing on the road, I still believe Tennessee is the best team in the SEC East this season, and look for them to defeat the Golden Bears for the second straight year. However, it won't be nearly as lopsided as last season's blowout was.

**Score: Tennessee 28  
California 27**

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